

C H U R C H O F

380 E. Roselawn Avenue
Maplewood, MN 55117

St. Jerome

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekday Masses

Mon. thru Fri..... 7:15 AM
Wed. (Sep.-May) All School..... 9:45 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM
Holy Days 7:15 AM & 5:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 5:00 AM to Thursday 6:00 PM

Baptisms by appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation *by appointment* or
Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Marriage (*available to parishioners of 6 months or greater*). Arrangements must be made at least 9 months before proposed marriage date.

Anointing of the Sick, as announced/requested

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Pastoral Staff

Fr. Victor Valencia.....Pastor

Administrative Staff

Joanne LambParish Secretary

Music

Mary Beth Hess Music Director

Faith Formation

.....Religious Ed Coordinator
Marie Joseph Confirmation
Pat Birkey Children's Liturgy

School

Anne Gattman Principal
Grace ZappaPreschool Director
Sue CostelloSchool Secretary
Nay Paw School Secretary

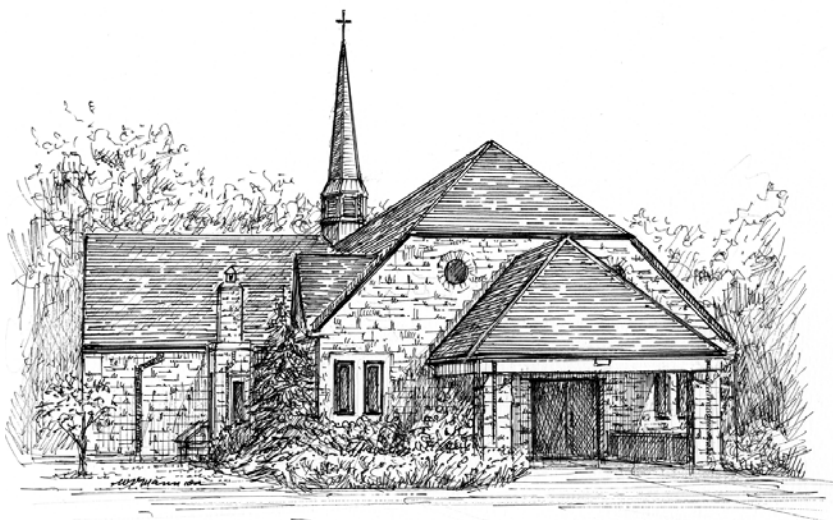
Maintenance

Bob Hoisington Supervisor

Safe Environment coordinator

Marie Joseph.....651-771-8494

Victim Assistance Hotline.....651-291-4475



December 24, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

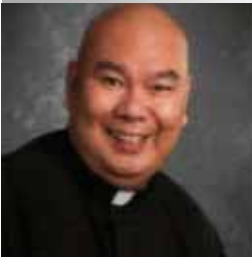
Advent



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

The Church of St. Jerome would like to welcome all visitors and anyone who has recently moved into our community. We invite you to become members of our parish. If you are interested in joining our parish or have any questions, please contact the parish office at 771-1209.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
 Blessed Christmas to everyone!
 On the fourth Sunday of Advent we remember and celebrate the coming of the Son of God through the Yes of Mary. The story of the Annunciation leads us to the feast of the birth of Jesus.

We celebrate Jesus, the king, the Son of God on Christmas day. He is a descendant of David. As the angel Gabriel announced Mary's child will be great, the Lord God will give him the throne of David, He is the son of the Most High and his kingdom will last forever. The birth of Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to David that his throne and kingdom will last forever. Mary somehow knew of this promise and her yes is her cooperation to the plan of God.

Christmas is a joyful celebration because the birth of Jesus is the coming of the fulfillment of God's promise and the beginning in the journey of salvation. The final establishment of the kingdom is the final revelation of God and total peace, joy and love.

Christmas affirms that God is with us always. He is Emmanuel. God will not abandon us. Against all that is happening in the world even when it may seem that evil has prevailed, history will tell us that the justice, love and mercy of God will always prevail. God has come in the incarnated person of Jesus, transcending the expectations of the Jews on how God and his kingdom would look like.

God has come in Jesus not only to save us from earthly adversities but most especially to save us from sin and death and we will all live with him in eternity.

Fr. Victor



4TH WEEK OF ADVENT: Love

Father, all-powerful God,
 Your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory, and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

GIVING TREE



Thank you to all who gave to our Giving Tree. GERALYN Broderick headed up this project and purchased the gifts. Many came out to help wrap them.



YOUNG ADULT NIGHT— ages 18 to 30

BOARD GAME NIGHT

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of January thru March, starting Jan. 9



Doors open 6:30 p.m. Games start at 7 p.m.

Young Adults (18+)



380 roselawn maplewood st jerome church, south door



All young adults are invited to join us for a night of board games. We will play in Ludescher hall. Bring a game if you have a favorite or got a new one for Christmas.

SMALL GROUPS

Last week, a bulletin article introduced you to our upcoming small groups/cells. This week, we want to let you know what you can expect in January. At the weekend masses of January 6th and 7th we will see a video from Archbishop Hebda talking about small groups. The following weekend, January 13th and 14th, you will be hearing from a speaker who is currently going through the small groups training process at St. Jerome. This will also be St. Jerome's invitation weekend to small groups for our parishioners. We will be having coffee and donuts this Sunday, and you will be meeting with fellow parishioners who have been training to lead or co-lead small groups. It is your chance to learn more about small groups from those most involved and find out what our individual groups will focus on. Please keep these weekend dates in mind as it will soon be January, and please continue to pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance for our parish and the archdiocese in this endeavor.



FR. LUDESCHER LAMP
 will burn this week in prayer for
John J. & Monica Filipovich



**ST. JEROME
SCHOOL**

Merry Christmas!

Wishing you and your family and very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

What a year it has already been here at St. Jerome School. Our enrollment continues to increase. We had a smashing Give Day, raising over \$108,000. Student Test Scores show growth in all areas (Math, reading, and language). And we're just half way through the year!

Our student community is blessed by the generosity of parishioners, families, and friends. This school is truly a place that people call "home". If you or a relative are interested in a Catholic education, schedule a personal visit today! We often accept mid-year transfers. More details below!

Become a Lion

Preschool - 8th Grade Catholic Education

We are looking ahead to the 2024-25 school year already! At St. Jerome School, we are committed to providing all students a remarkable academic and formative experience.

For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact Mr. Craig Fiedler by calling 651-771-8494 or by email: cfiedler@stjermoeschool.org. For Preschool inquiries, you can also contact Mrs. Zappa, Preschool Director, at 651-771-1023 or by email: gzappa@stjermoeschool.org.

St. Jerome School by the Numbers:

- 209 Students Preschool - 8th Grade
- Scholarships and Financial Aid available
- Bus transportation available
- Spots limited - contact the school soon to schedule your visit!

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 20



Spring Fundraiser
PARTY WITH A PURPOSE



PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
December 25—January 1

Monday	Christmas Day 9:30am Mass
Tuesday	Parish Office Closed
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	6:30pm Spanish Rosary & Bible Study
Saturday	
Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	9:30am	Christmas Day
Tuesday	7:15am	Larry Murphy
Wednesday	7:15am	Virgil Bannick
	9:45am	No School Mass
Thursday	7:15am	Clarence Parizek
Friday	7:15am	John J. & Monica Filipovich
Saturday	8:00am	Lori Lonetti (living)
	4:30pm	Members of the Parish
Sunday	9:30am	Larry Michalitsch

LITURGICAL ROLES

Schedules can also be found at
www.stjerome-church.org (calendars/schedules)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	B. Murphy
Sun. 9:30 am	E. Schoenecker

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	J. Gattman
Sun. 9:30 am	R. Klutzke

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	A. Bonghan	P. Bonghan
	W. Heurung	S. Anyanwu
Sun. 9:30 am	G. Revering	R. Vigonte
	C. Zorobi	R. Odhiambo

Weekly Offering



Contributions for the week of
Dec. 13-19

Weekly Contribution: \$13,244

Please consider adding the Church of St. Jerome to your will.



GIVE HERE:
Scan this QR Code to
donate Weekly Offerings or
any donation direct via our
secure online site



THANK YOU!

Thank you all the wonderful parishioners who came to clean the church in preparation for Christmas! We had a total of 17 people helping, two of them are children! May God bless all of you.

The Cleaning Angels Committee,
Mary Heurung, Barb Knauss and Cathy Deiman

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5. Enter your email - and you're in!



I know that you have gone through the Advent season more than a few times. We hear about miraculous pregnancies, a special star, problems with travel plans, and the birth of a baby. Add to that our family traditions, some Christian worship, and a lot of food and there you have it, Advent, and Christmas. I suggest to you that you build on what you know. Go to your Formed account and watch, **The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas**. The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

"You must propagate veneration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with all your might, for the devotion to the Holy Eucharist is the queen of all devotions." (Pope Benedict XV)



Adorers are needed for Mondays at 8 am, Tuesdays at 8 am and 10 am, and Thursday at 12 noon. The Adoration Chapel is open 8 am Monday through 6 pm Thursday. Feel free to stop by for a visit with Jesus. If you would like to commit to an hour, or if you have questions, please call Lorraine at 772-2997

BOOYA—Frozen quarts for SALE \$16

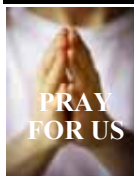
BOOYA



Are you having people over for New Years?

We have BOOYA for sale.

For sale in the Parish office.



PRAY FOR US
Fr. Cletus Baskela, Sue Connolly, Patricia Cokley, Cathy Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Kathleen Faschingbauer, Karen Geretschlaeger, Sr. Clarice Gierzak, Mary Gross, Clarice Holthaus, Sharon Heffernan, John Heller, David Hendricks, Janis Horski, Richard (Les) Johnson, Kevin Jones, Eugene Kaufhold, Lily Kehler, Kevin Klutzke, John & Linda Kostohryz, Mary Laumeier, Steve Lauinger, Lori Lonetti, Fr. Ken Ludescher, Nancy Masson, Vern & Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLellan, Brian Michalitsch, Nolan Mullaney, Greg Negard, Lou Polovick, Shannon Presler, Terri Quitter, Patrick Roth, Danny Rothbauer, David Schluender, John Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Mike Spangenberg, Craig Steineck, Ava Swift, Tony Swift, Joyce Theilhorn, George Valento, Greg Votel, Jim & Evelyn Wendt, Beverly Wermus, Eric Witzel, Kevin Yackel

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



Jack Butler
Grace Wegleitner